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enteredSUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

Supplemental to the amendment mailed on October 10, 2000,  
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

505 33. (Amended) An assembly for cycling vials of reaction  
mixtures through a series of temperature excursions,  
comprising:

- a sample block for receiving vials of reaction mixtures;
- a plurality of thermoelectric [thermal electric] devices;
- a heat sink;